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FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ILO PLAB WHO
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH WARREN FURTH OF WHO

1. IN A LUNCHEON MEETING YESTERDAY (OCTOBER 25TH) WITH WARREN FURTH, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF WHO, I SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT DR. MAHLER OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT CONSIDER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY LOOKING TO A SUBSTANTIAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE SMALL POX PROGRAM AND THE OTHER MEDICAL PROGRAMS IN SOMALIA. IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS, IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THERE MIGHT BE A GENEROUS RESPONSE. IN ANY EVENT FURTH WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION.

2. FURTH WAS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT OF DAVID MORSE, FORMER DIRECTORGENERAL OF THE ILO, REFLECTING ON HIS ILO EXPERIENCE, FURTH MENTIONED A RECENT TRIP TO THE USSR WHERE HE HAD RANCOROUS DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS REGARDING THE BUDGET OF WHO. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET OFFICIALS USED THE EXAMPLE OF U.S. THREATENED WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO AS A WARNING IN WHICH THE USSR JOINED SO THAT THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WOULD KNOW THAT IF THEIR BUDGET PRESSURES CONTINUE THAT
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THE SUPER POWERS WERE PREPARED TO ABANDON THE AGENCIES AND EVEN THE SYSTEM. VANDEN HEUVEL

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